

Regional Service Council Minutes

Region 7

Meeting Date: February 8, 2008

Meeting Location: Blackford County Courthouse Annex, Hartford City, Indiana

Council Members Present: Mary Lou Hinkle, Steve Cox, Jackie Fisher, Deb McGriff-Tharp

Council Members Absent: Judge Dailey, Pat Ergle, Betty Lyons, Peggy Stewart, Judge Young, Judge Toney, Chuck Osterholt

Others in attendance: Mike Rich, Blackford/Jay FCM Supervisor, David Eilar, Wernle Children's Home, Margaret Richardson, Community Partners, Consuela Balfour, Secretary, Misty Hollis, Camp Yale, Deana Reece, Family Services Society, Kevin Standfest, Whites Residential Family Services, Blake Hudson, YSB, Tony Fingerle, Lifeline Youth & Family Services, Eldon Solomon, Wins of Change, Reda Theurer-Miller, YSB of Jay C o., Lori Hutchings, Family & Children's Center, Jackie Hendrickson, proxy for Judge Toney, Kristin Kuhe, YSB Jay Co., Beth Barrett, Dunn Center-Foster Care Select.

Meeting called to order at 1:10 P.M. by Regional Manager, Steve Cox

1. Introductions of those in attendance.
2. Minutes from January 2008 minutes passed out and reviewed.
3. Community Partners Monthly Report: Margaret Richardson briefly discussed this topic.
4. IV-B: Steve Cox discussed the process with the Proposals. Proposals will be due on March 3, 2008. The proposals must be filed electronically. There is a website at: www.in.gov/dcs/3456.htm
5. Practice Reform Update: Steve Cox handed out an 8 page report with detailed information concerning the Practice Reform: Region 7 has done better than any other states that are practicing this method.
6. 12/17 caseloads: Steve Cox addressed these topics.
 - a. Keep parents engaged
 - b. Get away from the same shoe fit with every case, look at assessment, plan intervention
 - c. Progress in our family and children's lives
 - d. Monitor family team meetings
 - e. Region 7 needs to hire 4 more FCM by 3/24/08
 - f. June 30, 2008 staff must be hired and have 12/17 caseload into effect.

7. Questions/ Concerns from Membership

8. Next Meeting

a. March 14, 2008

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